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February 21, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Pettit Formation, Bistineau Gas Storage Pool,  
LAKE BISTINEAU FIELD, Bossier and  
Bienville Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

GULF SOUTH PIPELINE COMPANY, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Bistineau Gas Storage Pool, comprised of the Pettit Formation in the Lake Bistineau Field, initially established by Office of Conservation Order No. 287-B, effective February 10, 1965, and previously expanded by Office of Conservation Order No. 287-B-1, effective October 1, 1966, and Office of Conservation Order No. 287-B-2, effective March 16, 1972:

1. To recognize that the Bistineau Gas Storage Pool, as originally established by Office of Conservation Order No. 287-B, effective February 10, 1965, and previously expanded by Office of Conservation Order No. 287-B-1, effective October 1, 1966, and Office of Conservation Order No. 287-B-2, effective March 16, 1972, should be further enlarged to include the remaining portion of Section 7 (West Half of the West Half), Township 16 North, Range 10 West, containing 160-acres, more or less, in order to protect the underground storage reservoir against the escape of natural gas therefrom, all as shown on the plat which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To grant such additional relief as may be justified or permitted by the evidence to be introduced at the hearing on such application.

The Pettit Formation, and the Bistineau Gas Storage Pool, in the Lake Bistineau Field, Bossier and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, were fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 287-B, effective February 10, 1965.

Pertinent data may be obtained at the cost of the requesting party from Mr. Louis Gilbert, 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216, telephone number (504) 834-8112.

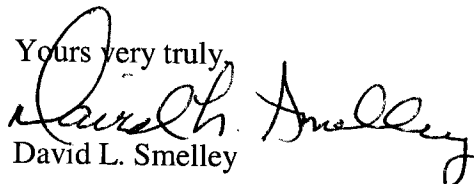
By letter dated February 10, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set March 6, 2003, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the attached plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice), and a copy of this letter is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Lake Bistineau Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

  
David L. Smelley

— Attorney for Gulf South Pipeline Company,  
L.L.C.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. David A. Lytle (w/encls.)  
Mr. Henry Coutret (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

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